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FROM LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, KU
SUBJ: LOS - DR. ZAIM ARIF IMAM, LEADER OF KUWAITI

1. PLEASE CLEAR FOLLOWING WITH KUWAITI DESK AND
IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED HAVE IT TRANSMITTED TO AMB.
EMB KUWAIT.

2. DURING A MEETING OF THE G-77 ON MAY 19, IMAM WAS
REPORTED BY RELIABLE SENIOR G-77 DIPLOMAT TO HAVE MADE
SOMETHING OF AN ATTACK ON THE STANDING OF THE NEW TEXTS
OF TREATY ARTICLES DRAFTED BY EVENSEN OF NORWAY ON THE
BASIS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD LAST WINTER IN GENEVA.
IMAM HAS BEEN PORTRAYED TO US AS WESTERN EDUCATED. HE ALSO
SEEMS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO EXTREME G-77 POSITIONS ON
LOS ISSUES, PARTICULARLY SEABEDS. OUR SOURCE THINKS IMAM
MAY HAVE BEEN OPERATING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE IN
ATTACKING EVENSEN DRAFTS. IMAM'S EFFORTS WERE IN ANY
EVENT UNSUCCESSFUL AS THE G-77 WERE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE
AN ISSUE OF THE STATUS OF THE EVENSEN TEXTS.

3. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE SURE AT THIS EARLY DATE
IN THE LOS CONFERENCE WHETHER IMAM WILL PLAY A SIG-
NIFICANT ROLE IN THE ARAB GROUP OF THE G-77, IT WOULD
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BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE EMBASSY'S APPRAISAL OF HIM. WE
WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT
OF HIS STANDING WITH KUWAITI GOVERNMENT; WHETHER HE
IS GIVEN LATITUDE TO REPRESENT GOK, WHETHER REPRE-
SENTATIONS TO GOK WOULD LIKELY BE EFFECTIVE IF WE
LATER PERCEIVE A NEED TO URGE KUWAIT TO TAKE A
MODERATE STANCE ON SEABED OR OTHER ISSUES.

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